

### **CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims (~~striketrough~~ and double brackets ([[ ]]) indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion) as follows:

1. – 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The climbing tree stand assembly of Claim 9,~~ A climbing tree stand assembly comprising:

a platform;

a pair of support arms attached to the platform; and

a pair of rigid footholds attached to the support arms and extending generally over the platform, wherein the pair of footholds each comprise a curved elongate body portion and a clamping portion for attaching ~~wherein clamping portions are attached to the support arms.~~

11. – 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) ~~The improvement of Claim 14~~ In a climbing tree stand including a platform and a pair of support arms attached to the platform, the climbing tree stand for use by a user, the improvement therein comprising:

a pair of ~~wherein the~~ rigid foothold devices ~~are attached to the support arms and extending~~ ~~extend~~ toward the platform.

17. – 20. (Cancelled)